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TOWN AND COUNTRY

About Local People and Events and Other Matters of Interest

Five rooms at my home for rent. Mrs. N. E. Fletcher.

Regular meeting of the Royal Neighbors Friday afternoon.

J. H. Dick is filling his ice houses this week with ten inch ice of fine quality.

Have several milch cows for sale, one to be fresh soon. Geo. L. Farrar.

Geo. L. Wade took a car of cattle to the St Joseph market Saturday night.

W. E. Randall sent in a check to continue THE BLADE to his address on route three, Brookfield.

Bring me your furs, hides and pelts for which I am paying the highest market price. F. M. Alexander.

The usual Billie Burke program with two reels of Conquest pictures will be given at the picture show Saturday night.

W. A. Chinn warns hunters to keep off of his farm, known as the L. B. Jones place, as all trespassers are going to be prosecuted.

E. Thurman, furniture and undertaking, and the Knabe store are each distributing handsome 1918 calendars to their customers this week.

S. W. White has bought the Wm. Ausmus residence property in the west part of town, to get possession February 1. The price was \$950.

Prof. and Mrs. Byron Western and two children of Spickard are expected today to spend the holidays with Mrs. Western's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Groes.

Christmas is not a holiday for the rural letter carriers and the mail will be delivered that day as usual, but there will be no delivery made on New Year's day.

A big special program at the picture show next Tuesday night for the benefit of the local Red Cross fund. Admission 6 cents for children and 15 cents for adults.

J. B. Jones has sold his residence property in the southwest part of town now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Myers, to Miss Marietta Welsh, possession to be given February 1.

You will have relatives or friends visiting you Christmas day and to entertain them you can do no better than to take them to the P. E. O. picture program to be given Christmas night at the opera house.

W. J. Manley has moved here from Harrisonville and taken the position of assistant agent at the Burlington station. The family is occupying Station Agent Moore's residence recently vacated by J. Clair Lomax.

We learn from a paper published at San Benito, Texas, that Edmund Edwards, a former Laclede boy, has just been commissioned a captain in the 18th Field Artillery in training at El Paso, and the battery has been ordered to France.

On another page today is published the Christmas program to be given at the M. E. Church next Monday evening. Much time has been spent in preparing this program and it is going to be good. There will be a tree from which presents will be distributed and every child enrolled in the Sunday school will get a treat.

No Paper Next Week

This is the last issue of THE BLADE for 1917. As has been our custom for several years the paper will not be issued during the holidays. The next paper will be dated January 4, 1918. However, the office will be open every work day except Christmas day, for the transaction of any business that may come in. All job work will be given prompt attention and we hope to be called upon to fill out many subscription receipts during the week. In the mean time we wish all our patrons and friends everywhere a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Red Cross Benefit

A special picture show will be put on at the opera house Christmas night under auspices of the P. E. O. chapter for the benefit of the local Red Cross fund. They have secured a splendid seven reel program to which the admission will be 15 and 6 cents.

"The Half Back," by Ralph Barbour, a corking story of American school boy life in which the spirit of fair play and democracy defeats that of snobbishness and cowardice. Three reels.

"The Star Spangle Banner," a patriotic play just out and having a big run. Three reels.

"Friends, Roman and Leo," a highly amusing and entertaining comedy of ancient Rome and the lion pit. One reel.

Everybody is invited to attend, enjoy the fine program and at the same time help swell the Red Cross fund.

Red Cross Notes

Acknowledgement of receipt of the four boxes packed and shipped to headquarters last week was received Wednesday. The boxes contained six helmets, six mufflers, fourteen sweaters, twenty pair of socks, five pair of wristlets, twenty-four pajama suits, twenty-five hospital bed shirts, ninety body binders, eighty triangle bandages, seven packages of surgical gauze 9x4 1/2 inches, five packages of surgical gauze 4 1/2 x 4 1/2 inches, twenty pair outing flannel bed socks, seven dozen khaki handkerchiefs, twenty-eight bath towels and thirty-eight huck towels.

The following new members were enrolled this week: W. R. Barton, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Einney, Karl Jones, Geo. Adcox, Mr. and Mrs. Grover Peacher, Mrs. F. W. Burke, Helen Hoyt.

President Allen reports the following contributions to the Red Cross fund this week: Allene and William Byrd, \$10.00; J. H. Brown, \$3.50; T. D. Mouser, \$2; John Reed, \$1; Sam McDonnell, \$1; Wm. Marlow, \$1; N. Byrne, \$1; Geo. L. Farrar, \$1.

Greetings

The spirit of the season prompts us to express to you our thanks for the business you have entrusted to us and we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year with prosperity and all good fortune.

BENSON BANKING CO.

Pay Taxes Now

Pay your taxes now and avoid the rush that comes near the end of the year. One percent penalty is added to all taxes not paid before the close of business December 31, 1917, and one percent each month thereafter.

C. F. SAYLES, Collector.

Remember the special picture show next Tuesday night.

ON LOCAL SUBJECTS

Local Items and Interesting Bits of News of All Sorts

Members of Laclede Camp Modern Woodmen should remember that no notice of assessment or dues for this month will be sent them. Card notices were discontinued last month and members are expected to pay before the close of each month in order to keep their policies in effect.

Boys and others who expect to hunt during the holidays should look over the list of land owners who have given notice through THE BLADE that hunting and trapping is prohibited on their farms and then govern themselves accordingly. If you go onto a farm that is posted you are liable to get into trouble.

The acreage of growing wheat in this state as announced by the state secretary of agriculture this week is 2,749,770, passing the government's war food request of 2,400,000. Linn county is credited with 4,750 acres, while Chariton on the south has 42,020 and Livingston on the west 13,100. The 1917 wheat crop in this county is given as 40,082 bushels.

The Red Cross ladies of Forker will put on a home talent play, "Rebecca's Triumph," at the Laclede opera house on Thursday night, December 20. The play has already been given at Forker and Sumner and those in the cast have been highly complimented by those attending. Laclede should turn out and give the ladies a good house. Admission 25 and 15 cents; proceeds for Red Cross.

Mrs. Lola Lomax was hostess to the P. E. O.'s at their regular meeting held on Wednesday afternoon of last week. Mrs. Lee Hamilton conducted a splendid lesson on "Making motion picture films and their influence upon the community." The guests of the afternoon were Mrs. Bundren and little daughter, Ella, of Kansas City; Mrs. H. C. Lomax, Mrs. C. E. Tracy, Mrs. C. B. Talbott and Mrs. A. E. Johnston.

On Friday evening of last week Miss Ray Glover entertained a number of her young lady friends at the home of Miss Louise Haight. Rook and music were the diversions of the evening and in a novel way Miss Glover announced her engagement to Mr. Thorne Lamme, the wedding to take place in the near future. Delectable refreshments were served in courses by the hostess assisted by Misses Kathryn Harter and Esther Rowland. Miss Lena Mendenhall of Brookfield was an out of town guest.

W. S. Savage was on the St. Joseph market Tuesday with three cars of hogs and one of cattle for the shipping association, the following members having stock in the shipment: W. O. Anderson, C. N. Ausmus, L. T. Ringland, E. B. Gudgell, N. Matson, W. S. Savage, W. H. Glover, G. W. Syms, Floyd Harter, D. E. Stark, Brendahl & Sons, J. P. Harter, Grover Peacher, Mrs. Wm. Wade, L. T. Rowland, Roy Royland, J. G. Clinesfelter, Cecil Welsh, A. D. Welsh, Geo. L. Kranz, H. W. Robbins, J. Ed. Downey, Chas. Goodman, A. B. Henderson, Geo. W. Anderson and David Perry.

Charged With Disloyalty

J. W. Lind, teacher of the Bruner school northeast of Laclede, has broken into print again. A Jefferson City dispatch says he has been reported to the state council of defense as disloyal. He is accused of various disloyal acts, such as printing a pamphlet in which he charges the eastern press of this country has been purchased by the English government and that the English language newspapers generally have not permitted Germany's side of the war to be printed.

It is also said that he refused to sign the food pledge and would not permit it to be circulated for his school children to sign. Lind holds a life certificate to teach in the public schools of Missouri. The state superintendent of public schools was requested by the council to revoke Lind's certificate.

Clean Light Bulbs And Shades

Very few business houses and even few housewives remember to dust off the electric light bulbs and shades. Many merchants allow their light bulbs to become coated with fly specks and then complain that the lights are not good. Even a thin film of dust reduces the candle-power materially, thus increasing the consumption of current and cost of lighting. When a lamp becomes coated with dust, and does not give anywhere near its rated candle-power, other lamps are turned on, or a larger candle-power is purchased, when an application of a damp dust cloth would be sufficient. Dust and dirt on lamp bulbs cuts a large figure on your light bill.

Water Shortage

Brookfield has gone dry. Not "bone dry" however, just a shortage of water for railroad and factory use. The railroad company has been hauling water for some time from Yellow creek but that supply is just about exhausted and two tanks are now being erected and a big boiler and engine installed on Locust creek west of Laclede in order to relieve the situation. The Locust creek water station is to be permanent and there is talk in railroad circles that a pipe line is to be laid to Laclede and a big standpipe erected here that will force the water on to Brookfield through a pipe along the track.

The electric light plant at Brookfield is short of water and is able to carry only about half of its usual load. Street service at Brookfield, Laclede and Linnens has been cut off and the load lightened wherever possible. Current for inside lighting is now all that is being furnished. The light company, however, has a force of men rushing work on a battery of wells near the plant that is expected to furnish sufficient water within a few days.

W. C. T. U. Meeting

The Women's Christian Temperance Union held their regular meeting at the pleasant home of Mrs. W. E. Shell. Regardless of the bad weather ten members responded to roll call with current events. A very instructive and well rendered lesson was given on "War and Patriotism," by Mrs. May Strickel. The social hour was spent in making bandages and knitting for the Red Cross. Mrs. Bigger was the guest of the afternoon.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Brief Mention of Those Who Come and Go During the Week

J. B. Jones was here from Chillicothe Monday.

The Laclede public schools have a holiday vacation of one week.

Mrs. W. S. Deardorf of Hale has been the guest of Mrs. C. B. Talbott the past week.

Mrs. Frank Ricker of Brookfield spent Wednesday with relatives and friends in Laclede.

Miss Virginia Dye came down from Kansas City Saturday and remained over Sunday visiting relatives.

C. H. Hetrick, wife and two daughters are here from Texas for a holiday visit with his mother and other relatives.

Mrs. Virginia Kailer of Naperville, Ill., is here to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Kraft.

Mark H. Lomax is home to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lomax, and is assisting them in the store.

Mrs. Luella Kessler of Kansas City came last Sunday for a visit with friends here, guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. McDonnell.

The Star Spangle Banner to be seen at the opera house next Tuesday night is one of the most patriotic screen plays out and is having a wonderful run wherever shown.

Miss Neva Thomas of Minneapolis, Minn., sent in a crisp one dollar bill yesterday to renew for another year, and also sent the season's greetings to her many Laclede friends.

Vale Calhoun, who has been in the west the past four years, came in last Saturday to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Calhoun. He has been working at the carpenter trade in Nevada.

Mrs. J. W. Haight of Brookfield spent Wednesday with Laclede relatives and friends, and called and renewed for THE BLADE another year, which she says they eagerly look for each Friday morning.

If you have relatives or friends from a distance visiting you, or if you go away from home for the holidays, let THE BLADE know about it in time for our next edition which will be the first week in the new year.

Mrs. W. A. Cutler writes from Breckenridge to have her name on our mailing list changed to Stuart, Nebr., where she goes to spend the winter with her parents before removing to Kansas City where Mr. Cutler is in the mail service.

Mrs. John A. Simpson who was called here last week by the death of her father, J. Walker Brown, and remained a few days visiting her sister, Mrs. E. R. Barton and family on route two, returned to her home at Carnegie, Okla., Tuesday.

Christian Church Services

Rev. Ralph Siegel, pastor of the Christian church, will fill his regular appointments here this week, preaching Saturday evening, Sunday morning and evening at the usual hours. Sunday school at 10 o'clock; prayer meeting Tuesday evening each week. All are cordially invited to these services.